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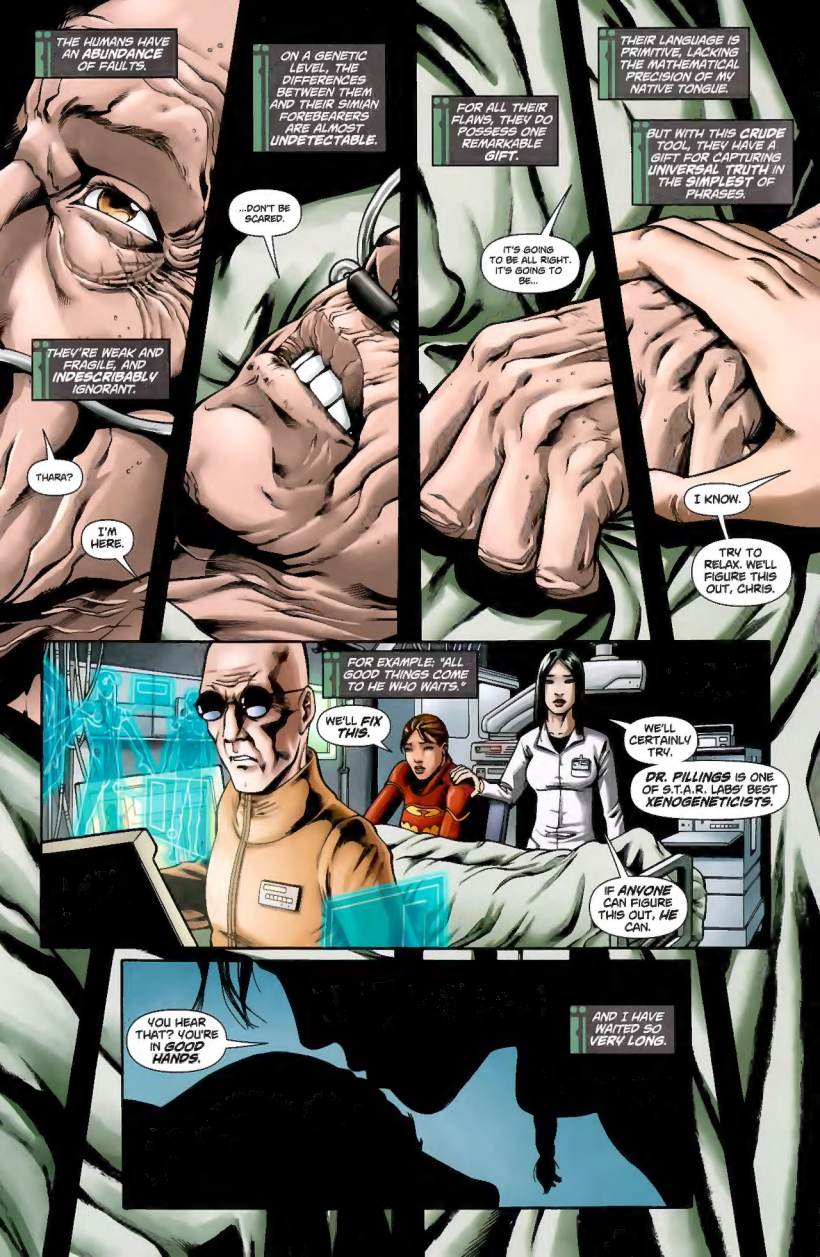

THE HUMANS HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF FAULTS.
ON A GENETIC LEVEL, THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM AND THEIR SIMIAN FOREBEARERS ARE ALMOST UNDETECTABLE.
FOR ALL THEIR FLAWS, THEY DO POSSESS ONE REMARKABLE GIFT.
THEIR LANGUAGE IS PRIMITIVE, LACKING THE MATHEMATICAL PRECISION OF MY NATIVE TONGUE.
BUT WITH THIS CRUDE TOOL, THEY HAVE A GIFT FOR CAPTURING UNIVERSAL TRUTH IN THE SIMPLEST OF PHRASES.
...DON'T BE SCARED.
IT'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT. IT'S GOING TO BE...
THEY'RE WEAK AND FRAGILE, AND INDESCRIBABLY IGNORANT.
THARA?
I'M HERE.
I KNOW.
TRY TO RELAX. WE'LL FIGURE THIS OUT, CHRIS.
FOR EXAMPLE: "ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO HE WHO WAITS."
WE'LL FIX THIS.
WE'LL CERTAINLY TRY.
DR. PILLINGS IS ONE OF S.T.A.R. LABS' BEST XENOGENETICISTS.
IF ANYONE CAN FIGURE THIS OUT, HE CAN.
YOU HEAR THAT? YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS.
AND I HAVE WAITED SO VERY LONG.

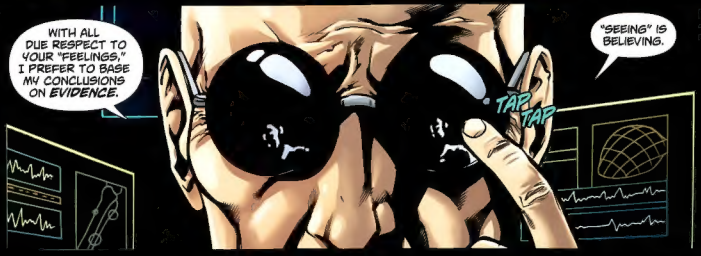
))DIAGNOSTIC SUITE ENGAGED. KRYPTONIAN DATABASES ACCESSED... AUTHORIZATION HOSHI-ALPHA-SEVEN.
))WARNING. INITIAL READINGS VARY FROM KRYPTONIAN BASELINE... SAFETY INTERLOCKS DISENGAGED...
AND GOOD THINGS HAVE MOST DEFINITELY COME.

YOU'RE SURE ABOUT THIS, DOCTOR?
THE ENERGY BLOOM ALONE COULD SPARK SOME UNCOMFORTABLE QUESTIONS FROM THE MILITARY.
THE LAST THING I NEED IS SOLDIERS TEARING UP THE LABS LOOKING FOR ROGUE KRYPTONIANS.
A CALCULATED RISK, DR. HOSHI.

IF WE'RE GOING TO ARREST THE SUBJECT'S RAPID AGING, WE MUST MOVE QUICKLY AND DECISIVELY.

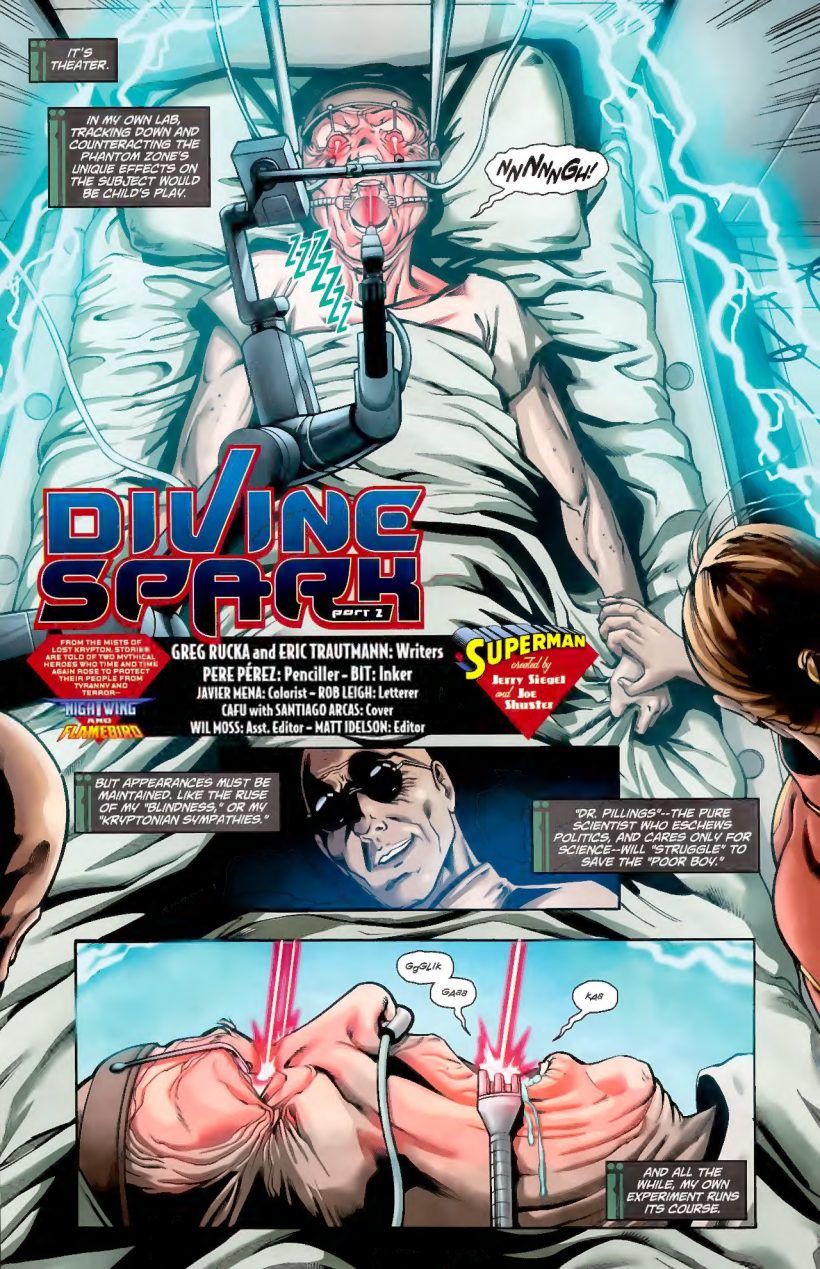
"FORTUNE FAVORS THE BOLD," AFTER ALL.
I TRUST YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FORESTALL MILITARY INTERFERENCE LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO FINISH HERE.
I'LL DO MY BEST.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING, DO IT NOW, DOCTOR.
I CAN... FEEL IT.


WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO YOUR "FEELINGS," I PREFER TO BASE MY CONCLUSIONS ON EVIDENCE.
"SEEING" IS BELIEVING.
TAP TAP

AND WHAT WE NEED TO SEE IS LOCKED SOMEWHERE IN YOUR FRIEND'S D.N.A.
WE'LL NEED TO STUDY THAT, VERY CLOSELY.
WHICH WILL MEAN OVERCOMING KRYPTONIAN... RESISTANCE TO DAMAGE.

POSITRON ANNIHILATION IN PROGRESS))POWER LEVELS AT 82% AND CLIMBING...FIRING IN 10 SECONDS...
PATIENT RESTRAINT FIELD ENGAGED.
THIS WILL HURT.


IT'S THEATER.
IN MY OWN LAB, TRACKING DOWN AND COUNTERACTING THE PHANTOM ZONE'S UNIQUE EFFECTS ON THE SUBJECT WOULD BE CHILD'S PLAY.
NNNNGH!
ZZZZZ
DIVINE SPARK
PART 2
FROM THE MISTS OF LOST KRYPTON, STORIES ARE TOLD OF TWO MYTHICAL HEROES WHO TIME AND TIME AGAIN ROSE TO PROTECT THEIR PEOPLE FROM TYRANNY AND TERROR--
NIGHTWING AND FLAMEBIRD
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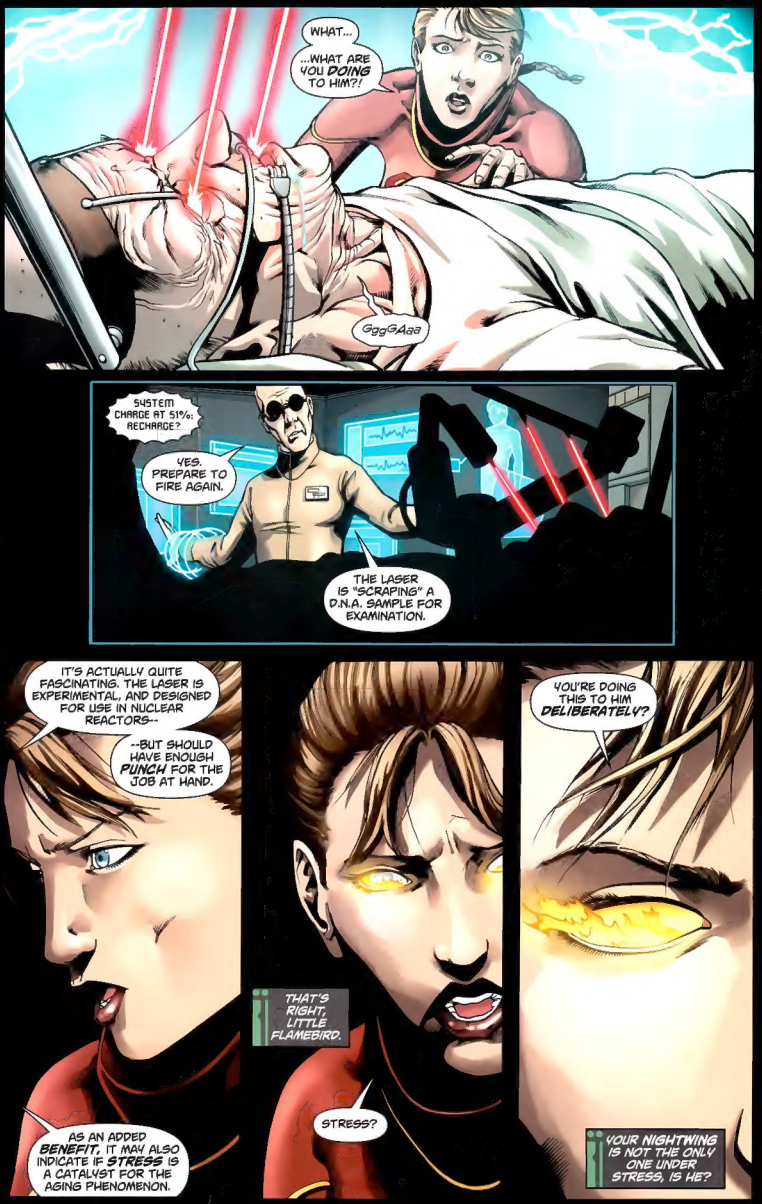
SUPERMAN created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster
BUT APPEARANCES MUST BE MAINTAINED. LIKE THE RUSE OF MY "BLINDNESS," OR MY "KRYPTONIAN SYMPATHIES."
"DR. PILLINGS"--THE PURE SCIENTIST WHO ESCHEWS POLITICS, AND CARES ONLY FOR SCIENCE--WILL "STRUGGLE" TO SAVE THE "POOR BOY."
GgGLIK
GARB
KAB
AND ALL THE WHILE, MY OWN EXPERIMENT RUNS ITS COURSE.


WHAT...
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HIM?!
GggGAaa
SYSTEM CHARGE AT 51%: RECHARGE?
YES. PREPARE TO FIRE AGAIN.
THE LASER IS "SCRAPING" A D.N.A. SAMPLE FOR EXAMINATION.
IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE FASCINATING. THE LASER IS EXPERIMENTAL, AND DESIGNED FOR USE IN NUCLEAR REACTORS--
--BUT SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH PUNCH FOR THE JOB AT HAND.
AS AN ADDED BENEFIT, IT MAY ALSO INDICATE IF STRESS IS A CATALYST FOR THE AGING PHENOMENON.
THAT'S RIGHT, LITTLE FLAMEBIRD.
STRESS?
YOU'RE DOING THIS TO HIM DELIBERATELY?
YOUR NIGHTWING IS NOT THE ONLY ONE UNDER STRESS, IS HE?

THE DAILY PLANET.
...PENTAGON BUT NO REPORT--
...ABOUT THE MILITARY BUILD-UP AROUND MARKOVIA?
--GET A COMMENT, AT LEAST AN ATTRIBUTION--
LOIS?
Mhm?
PERRY.
SOMETHING UP??
HE'LL TELL YOU.
PERRY WHITE
CHIEF, IF THERE'S--
SHUT UP AND LISTEN, LOIS.
HOW IRONCLAD IS THIS STORY, THE FLAMEBIRD-SLASH-NIGHTWING-SLASH-SUPERGIRL-SLASH-REACTRON PIECE?
HOW GOOD IS YOUR SOURCE ON THIS?
I'M THE SOURCE, CHIEF. I'D HOPE THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION.

YOU'RE SAYING MON-EL'S DEATH WAS FAKED IN ORDER TO GENERATE ANTI-KRYPTONIAN HYSTERIA AND PROPAGANDA TO FURTHER SOME GOVERNMENT AGENDA.
THAT THE METROPOLIS THREE WERE FRAMED, AND THAT REACTRON--A KNOWN KILLER--WAS EMPLOYED BY YOUR FATHER TO PERPETUATE THIS HOAX.*
EMPLOYED, IN ESSENCE, BY THE U.S. ARMY.
*SEE THE "HUNT FOR REACTRON" STORY. --Idiotron
I KNOW WHAT I WROTE.
WHO'D YOU SHOW THIS TO? WHO ELSE KNEW YOU WERE WORKING ON IT?
WHAT? LANA, THAT'S IT, AND SHE'D NEVER--
IT LEAKED, LOIS, SOMEONE, SOMEHOW, IT GOT OUT.
I JUST GOT A CALL FROM A FRIEND AT D.O.D.--THE ARMY IS ACCUSING YOU OF COLLABORATION, THEY'RE SAYING YOU HARBORED FLAMEBIRD AND NIGHTWING.
THEY'RE ACCUSING YOU OF TREASON.
YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE, NOW.

THAT'S HER!

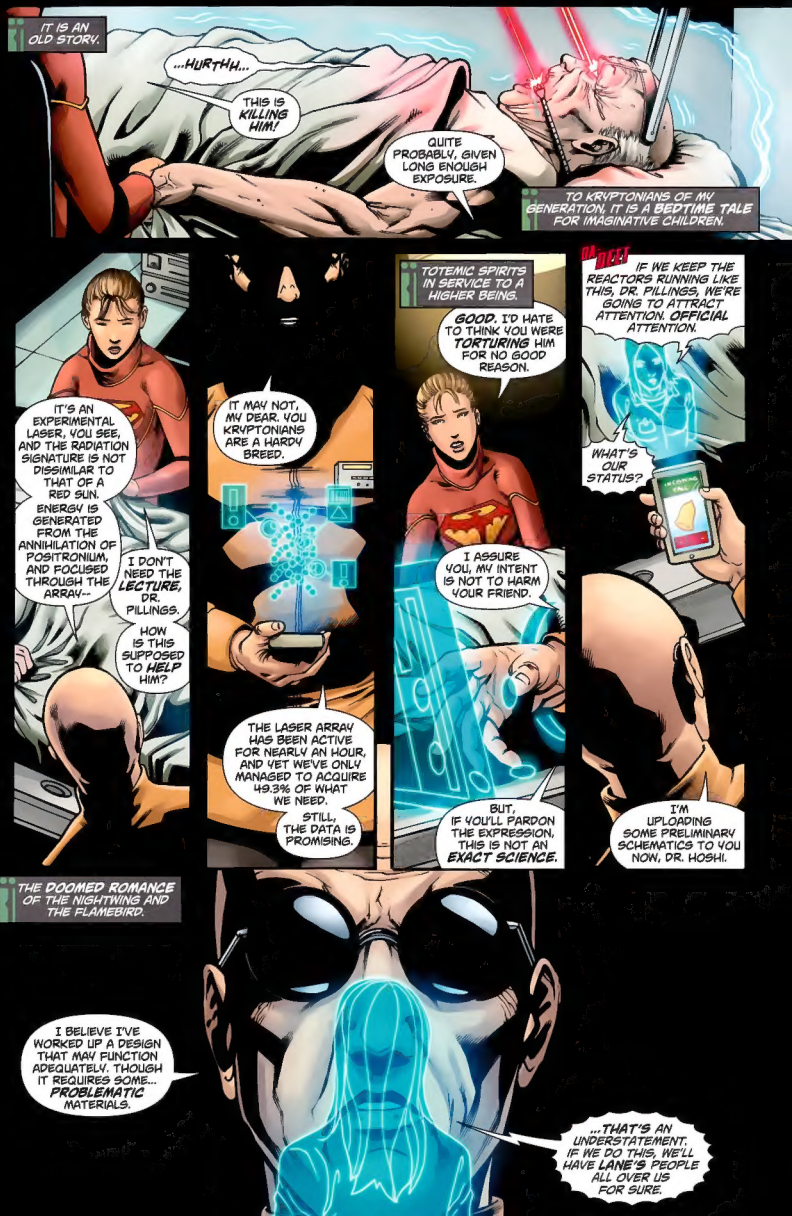
LOIS LANE--

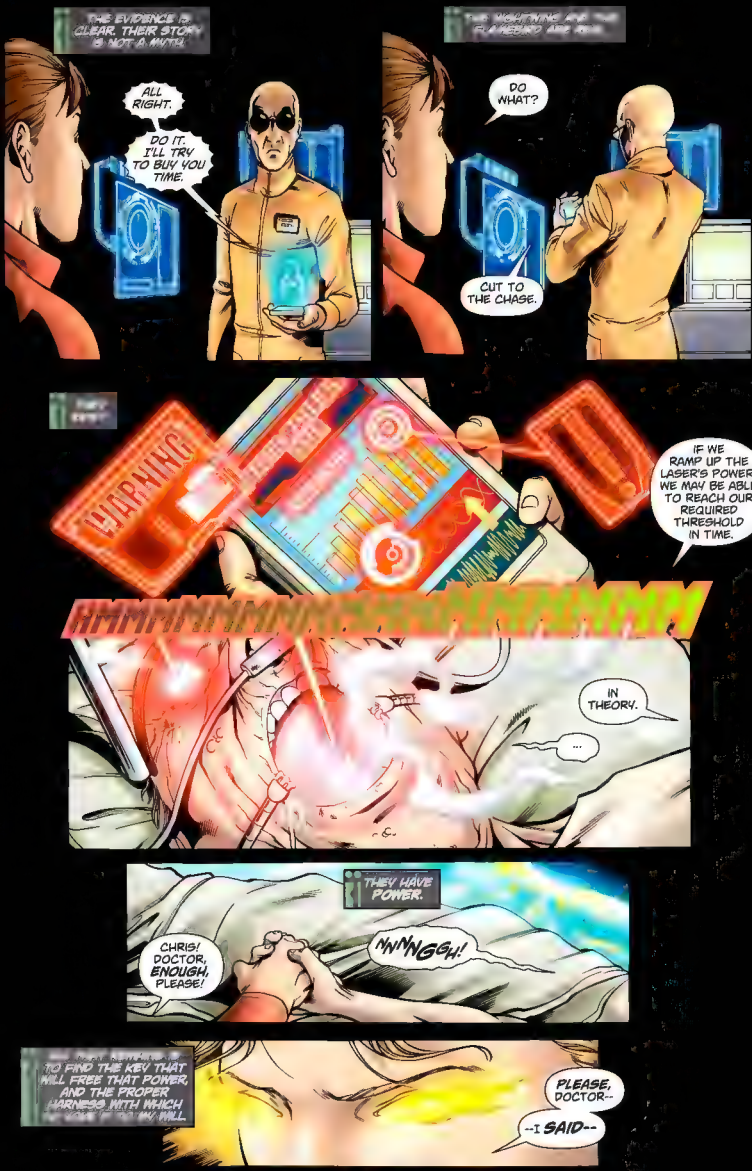
--STOP--
WHNK
MHNn

LANE! GO LONG!
NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY THIS, STEVE--

EXIT
--BUT YOU'RE A PRINCE!

Hmm!
EXIT
BLUEBIRD, SHE'S GONE RABBIT--
--IN THE STAIRWELL--
--LIGHT HER UP!
NNHNNN
gNNmm


IT IS AN OLD STORY.
...HURTHU...
THIS IS KILLING HIM!
QUITE PROBABLY, GIVEN LONG ENOUGH EXPOSURE.
TO KRYPTONIANS OF MY GENERATION, IT IS A BEDTIME TALE FOR IMAGINATIVE CHILDREN.
IT'S AN EXPERIMENTAL LASER, YOU SEE, AND THE RADIATION SIGNATURE IS NOT DISSIMILAR TO THAT OF A RED SUN.
ENERGY IS GENERATED FROM THE ANNIHILATION OF POSITRONIUM, AND FOCUSED THROUGH THE ARRAY--
I DON'T NEED THE LECTURE, DR. PILLINGS.
HOW IS THIS SUPPOSED TO HELP HIM?
IT MAY NOT, MY DEAR. YOU KRYPTONIANS ARE A HARDY BREED.
THE LASER ARRAY HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR NEARLY AN HOUR, AND YET WE'VE ONLY MANAGED TO ACQUIRE 49.3% OF WHAT WE NEED.
STILL, THE DATA IS PROMISING.
TOTEMIC SPIRITS IN SERVICE TO A HIGHER BEING.
GOOD. I'D HATE TO THINK YOU WERE TORTURING HIM FOR NO GOOD REASON.
I ASSURE YOU, MY INTENT IS NOT HARM YOUR FRIEND.
BUT, IF YOU'LL PARDON THE EXPRESSION, THIS IS NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE.
BEEP!
IF WE KEEP THE REACTORS RUNNING LIKE THIS, DR. PILLINGS, WE'RE GOING TO ATTRACT ATTENTION. OFFICIAL ATTENTION.
WHAT'S OUR STATUS?
INCOMING CALL
I'M UPLOADING SOME PRELIMINARY SCHEMATICS TO YOU NOW, DR. HOSHI.
THE DOOMED ROMANCE OF THE NIGHTWING AND THE FLAMEBIRD.
I BELIEVE I'VE WORKED UP A DESIGN THAT MAY FUNCTION ADEQUATELY. THOUGH IT REQUIRES SOME... PROBLEMATIC MATERIALS.
...THAT'S AN UNDERSTATEMENT. IF WE DO THIS, WE'LL HAVE LANE'S PEOPLE ALL OVER US FOR SURE.


THE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR. THEIR STORY IS NOT A MYTH.
ALL RIGHT.
DO IT. I'LL TRY TO BUY YOU TIME.
THE MOUNTAINS AND THE FLAMEBIRD ARE REAL.
DO WHAT?
CUT TO THE CHASE.
WARNING
IF WE RAMP UP THE LASER'S POWER, WE MAY BE ABLE TO REACH OUR REQUIRED THRESHOLD IN TIME.
AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH
IN THEORY.
...
THEY HAVE POWER.
CHRIS! DOCTOR, ENOUGH, PLEASE!
NNNNGGH!
TO FIND THE KEY THAT WILL FREE THAT POWER, AND THE PROPER HARNESS WITH WHICH
PLEASE, DOCTOR--
--I SAID--

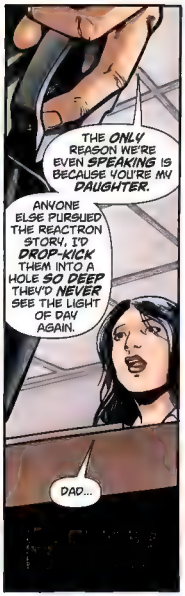
ENOUGH!
ANIMAL! SADIST--
I WILL NOT WATCH THIS
...YOU...
THE HUMANS DO SAY THAT LOVE MAKES ONE BLIND.
AND YOU HAVE BEEN VERY BLIND, HAVEN'T YOU, MY DEAR?

YOU... CAN'T... BE HERE...
THAT'S A REMARKABLY STUPID THING TO SAY. I AM HERE.
WHAT A SAD LITTLE STORY THE TWO OF YOU MAKE...
...FOREVER TOGETHER, FOREVER APART...
LEAVE HIM ALONE!
BY MATHER RAO, PLEASE...
...JUST LEAVE US ALONE.
NOW THINK CAREFULLY: IS THAT REALLY WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO?
OR WOULDN'T YOU RATHER THAT I FREE HIM?
GIVE HIM BACK TO YOU?

YOU... YOU ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED. YOU ARE NEVER TO BE TRUSTED.
INDEED. BUT THEN, YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE, DO YOU?
YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT.
GIVE IT TO ME, AND I WILL GIVE YOU YOUR HEART'S DESIRE.
IT IS FORTUNATE THAT YOUR HOST WILL NOT REMEMBER WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED...
...THIS WILL HURT...

WAIT OUTSIDE.
HELLO, LOIS.
GO TO HELL, DAD.
GOOD TO KNOW WHERE I STAND WITH YOU.
YOU THINK I'M NOT GLAD YOU'RE ALIVE? YOU'RE WRONG.
BUT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING, WHAT YOU'VE DONE, DAD...IF YOU WANTED SYMPATHY, YOU CAME TO THE WRONG DAUGHTER...
...OH MY GOD...LUCY KNEW--
--SHE WAS WORKING FOR YOU, WASN'T SHE?
YOUR SISTER WAS A GOOD SOLDIER, SHE WAS A PATRIOT."
WHICH IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY ABOUT YOU, WITH YOUR FIXATION ON SUPERMAN, YOUR WILLING BLINDNESS ABOUT--
WAIT JUST A DAMN SECOND--
"SEE SUPERGIRL: "WHO IS SUPERWOMAN?"
--Matt
DO NOT INTERRUPT ME!

YOU DO NOT INTERRUPT YOUR FATHER WHEN HE'S SPEAKING.


THE ONLY REASON WE'RE EVEN SPEAKING IS BECAUSE YOU'RE MY DAUGHTER.
ANYONE ELSE PURSUED THE REACTRON STORY, I'D DROP-KICK THEM INTO A HOLE SO DEEP THEY'D NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY AGAIN.
DAD...

I COULD DISAPPEAR YOU RIGHT NOW. NO ONE WOULD EVER KNOW WHERE YOU WENT.
NOT EVEN SUPERMAN.

YOU DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND. WE'RE AT WAR, LOIS.
AND YOU'VE SIDED WITH THE ENEMY.

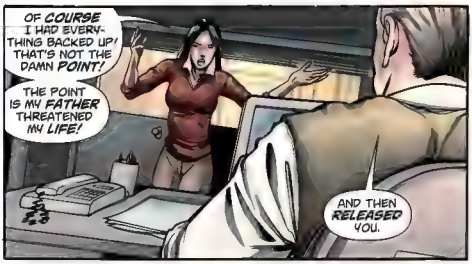
THAT MAKES YOU THE ENEMY.

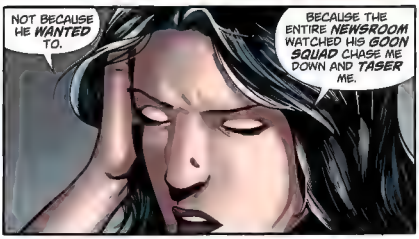
KRAK
KRAK

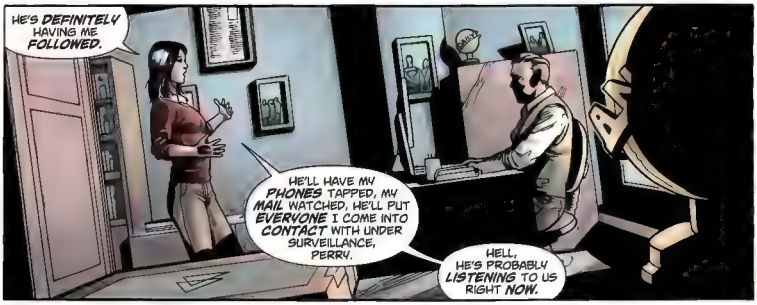
YOU'RE MY DAUGHTER, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I LOVE YOU.
BUT MY PLANET WILL ALWAYS COME FIRST.

REMEMBER THAT.

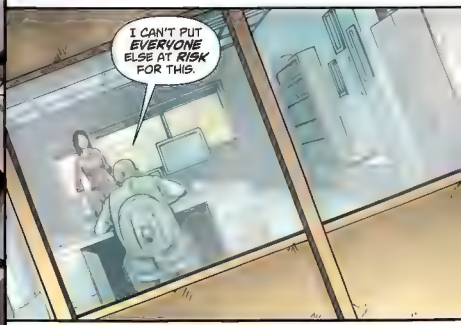
YOU HAD EVERYTHING BACKED UP?


OF COURSE I HAD EVERYTHING BACKED UP! THAT'S NOT THE DAMN POINT!
THE POINT IS MY FATHER THREATENED MY LIFE!
AND THEN RELEASED YOU.


NOT BECAUSE HE WANTED TO.
BECAUSE THE ENTIRE NEWSROOM WATCHED HIS GOON SQUAD CHASE ME DOWN AND TASER ME.


HE'S DEFINITELY HAVING ME FOLLOWED.
HE'LL HAVE MY PHONES TAPPED, MY MAIL WATCHED, HE'LL PUT EVERYONE I COME INTO CONTACT WITH UNDER SURVEILLANCE, PERRY.
HELL, HE'S PROBABLY LISTENING TO US RIGHT NOW.
BLAM

WE RUN THE STORY, HE'LL KILL THE PAPER.
HE'LL SURE TRY.
AND YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY PERSON WHO WORKS HERE.


I CAN'T PUT EVERYONE ELSE AT RISK FOR THIS.

I KNOW.
SOMEONE HAS TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT SAM LANE.
IT'S YOUR STORY.
BUT YOU CAN'T RUN IT.
I WON'T RUN IT.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU, LOIS? YOU HAVE TO REPORT IT, BUT I WON'T RUN IT.
THEN I QUIT.
THAT'S MY GIRL.

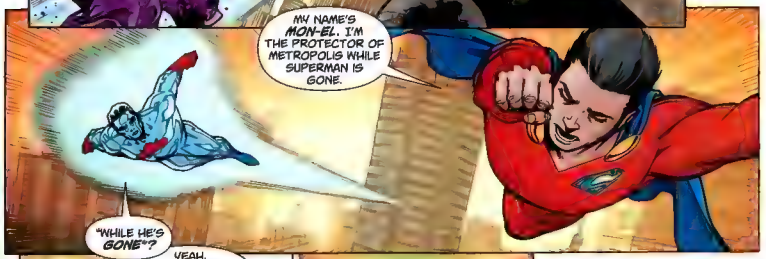
AS "PILLINGS," I TAKE A FEW HOURS, OSTENSIBLY STUDYING THE RESULTS OF THE LASER EXPERIMENT.
OW. IT STINGS.
UNDERSTANDABLE.
THE UNIQUE RADIATION SIGNATURE IN YOUR CELLS HAS HAD A DESTRUCTIVE EFFECT, ONE THAT THE RESTORATIVE EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO STELLAR RADIATION HAS NOT OUTPACED.
BUT THE SOLUTION IS LITTLE MORE THAN A FEAT OF SIMPLE ENGINEERING.
SO, WITH DR. HOSHI'S UNIQUE ABILITIES, WE'LL BE JUMPSTARTING THAT EXPOSURE.
THE DEVICE ON YOUR ARM FOCUSES THE ENERGY COLLECTED FROM DR. HOSHI'S... OUTPUT.
A SIMPLE CONDUCTOR--IN THIS CASE A NEEDLE COMPOSED OF KRYPTONIAN SUNSTONE--DUMPS THE FLOW INTO YOUR BLOOD CELLS.
ANOTHER HOUR TO COBBLE TOGETHER THE NECESSARY COMPONENTS AND KEEP HOSHI OCCUPIED.
IN SHORT, WE'LL BE OVERCLOCKING YOUR BODY'S ABILITY TO PROCESS YELLOW SUN RADIATION, AND HOPING IT REPAIRS ITSELF FASTER THAN THE CELLS ARE BREAKING DOWN.
SHE'S MARGINALLY MORE INTELLIGENT THAN THE AVERAGE HUMAN, AND HER ABILITIES COULD PROVE AN IRRITANT.
THAT'S THE THEORY, ANYWAY.
AND WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME. LANE'S PEOPLE ARE FUNNY ABOUT ACCESS TO KRYPTONIAN TECH.
SO LET'S DO THIS.

HIS CELLS BURN LIKE TINY SUNS.
--NGH--
--HURTS--
ENERGY SATURATION: CRITICAL
WARNING. HEAT SHIELDS FAILING
NOT LONG NOW.
THE PAIN MUST BE UNIMAGINABLE.
THE EFFECT —IS QUITE BEAUTIFUL.
GGGNNNNH!!
MIRACULOUS, EVEN.

MIRACLES COME IN SO MANY DIFFERENT FORMS.
THE TRANSFORMATION OF A SICK, ELDERLY BODY INTO A YOUNG, VIBRANT ONE.
WOW.
INDEED. YOU'RE QUITE FORTUNATE, YOUNG MAN.
THIS DEVICE SHOULD KEEP YOUR CELLS INFUSED WITH ENOUGH ENERGY TO PREVENT ANY MORE INCIDENTS OF BURST AGING.
THE METAMORPHOSIS FROM VALIANT HERO TO TERRIFIED LOVER--
CHRIS!
I THOUGHT I WAS LOSING YOU--
--TO SOMETHING THAT DEFIES DESCRIPTION.
BUT YOU DIDN'T LOSE HIM, DID YOU?
BECAUSE YOU HAVE FRIENDS HERE.
ONE SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER ONE'S FRIENDS.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MY DEAR?
GENETIC MARKERS LOCATED!
DNA SAMPLE OBTAINED. ANALYSIS IN PROGRESS.
TO BE CONTINUED!
AND NOW... CAPTAIN ATOM

I'M SURE YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.
LOADS.
"WHO ARE YOU?" WOULD BE WAY UP THERE.
FOLLOW ME AND I'LL TELL YOU.
NO.

YES!

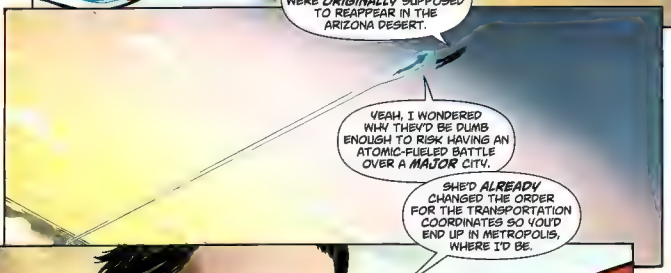

MY NAME'S MON-EL. I'M THE PROTECTOR OF METROPOLIS WHILE SUPERMAN IS GONE.

"WHILE HE'S GONE"?
YEAH. I'VE SWORN TO GUARD THIS CITY FOR AS LONG AS THERE'S BREATH IN MY LUNGS.
DRAMATIC TURN OF PHRASE. BUT YOU GOT THE BIG POWERS TO MATCH THOSE BIG WORDS, I NOTICED.
SUPERMAN'S. PLUS, KRYPTONITE IS JUST A GLOWING GREEN ROCK TO ME.

SO YOU'RE BETTER?
...NO. NOT EVEN THEN. BUT I'LL DO IN A PINCH.
IF I HAD HIS HEART, KNOWLEDGE, SPIRIT, INTELLIGENCE AND EXPERIENCE...
YEAH, I WAS IN A PINCH AND YOU DID JUST FINE. LUCKY YOU COMING ALONG, ACTUALLY.

WHERE?..

SPEAKING OF LOCATIONS, WHERE'RE WE GOING?
TAKES AFTER HER UNCLE.
SMART GIRL, THAT NATASHA.


WELL, GENERAL LANE IS NO DUMMY, I CAN TELL YOU THAT FIRSTHAND. YOU WERE ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO REAPPEAR IN THE ARIZONA DESERT.
YEAH, I WONDERED WHY THEY'D BE DUMB ENOUGH TO RISK HAVING AN ATOMIC-FUELED BATTLE OVER A MAJOR CITY.
SHE'D ALREADY CHANGED THE ORDER FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATES SO YOU'D END UP IN METROPOLIS, WHERE I'D BE.

NATASHA IRONS HAS A COMMUNICATION LINE TO ME. SHE TOLD ME TO HELP YOU.

NOTHING LUCKY, GOT THE WORD...LAST MINUTE MAYBE...BUT I KNEW TO EXPECT YOU.

"...SOMEWHERE WE CAN'T BE EASILY FOLLOWED."
CAPTAIN ATOM
CHAPTER SIX
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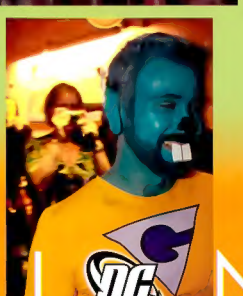
YOU LOOK NERVOUS, CAPTAIN.
I AM.
ALL I DID... ALL I'VE DONE... I DON'T KNOW HOW WELCOME I AM ANYMORE IN THE HOME OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE.
A NEW LEAGUE, CAPTAIN. NEW FACES.
AND SOME FAMILIAR ONES TOO. HI, CAPTAIN. THIS IS QUITE A SURPRISE.
STARFIRE?
I'M ON MONITOR DUTY. LONELY WORK. BUT THEN I HEAR VOICES... INVESTIGATE, AND LO AND BEHOLD.
YEAH, YOU'RE A SURPRISE FOR ME TOO. AND YOU'RE JUSTICE LEAGUE NOW? YOU GRADUATED, HUH?
OH YEAH, DIDN'T THINK OF THAT...I GUESS EVERYONE'S MET AT SOME POINT WITH ALL THE CRISES AND TEAM-UPS AND INVASIONS THAT GO ON.
IT'S MORE THAN THAT IN OUR CASE, MON.
CAPTAIN A AND I WERE PART OF A GOVERNMENT GROUP...

"...WE FOUGHT SUPERMAN AND BATMAN WHEN LEX LUTHOR WAS PRESIDENT AND BRANDED THEM PUBLIC ENEMIES."
YEAH, I WAS REMINDED OF THAT BY MAJOR FORCE. JUST FOUGHT HIM. HE'S STILL GOVERNMENT, I SEE.
THAT CREATURE GOES WHERE THE WIND BLOWS. HE'S BEEN A FRIEND TO THE MILITARY, AN ENEMY OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY, AND BACK AGAIN.
ALL I KNOW IS THAT HE'S EVIL.
SO DO PEOPLE THINK THE SAME THING OF ME NOW? THAT I'M EVIL?
MY MEMORY IS COMING BACK, BUT IT'S SELECTIVE.
"I REMEMBER MY EARLY DAYS AS CAPTAIN ATOM.
"I REMEMBER ADVENTURES.
"PEOPLE.
"WOMEN I'VE LOVED.
"I CAN EVEN SORT OF RECALL ANOTHER VERSION OF EARTH THAT I VISITED.
BUT THE OTHER TIMES...
...WHEN I WASN'T CAPTAIN ATOM OR NATHANIEL ADAM...
"...WHEN I WAS MONARCH.
"I CAN'T REMEMBER MUCH...THANK GOD...ALL THE EVIL AND PAIN AND DEATH THAT I CAUSED."
YEAH, I WISH WE COULD SAY WE DIDN'T REMEMBER, CAPTAIN...

...BUT WE DO!
YOU'RE A DANGER TO THE WORLD...
...A FUGITIVE FROM THE U.S. MILITARY.
AND IN DIRE NEED OF JUSTICE!
TO BE CONTINUED...

HAPPY LATE HALLOWEEN, DC NATION!

Here's a peek at how some of the DC staff spent the day....



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